



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Dean DellaPenna *et al.*

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Examiner: Worley, C.K.

Entitled: **Novel Carotenoid Hydroxylases For Use
In Engineering Carotenoid Metabolism
In Plants**

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
MAILED MARCH 21, 2006**

Commissioner for Patents
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Dated: September 21, 2006

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Dear Madam:

The following communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed.

A petition for a three-month extension of time is provided thereby extending the period for reply until September 21, 2006. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the following remarks.